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Irish Press management is trying to inflict a defeat on unions in the print industry that will effect not only print workers but every trade unionist in this country.

From Packard to Team to the teachers thousands, of workers are under attack. Now the Irish Press workers find themselves in the same position. But there is a also a growing anger and mood for resistance. The Irish Press workers occupation is an important start but solidarity between different groups of workers is the key to winning in the long run.

Workers should organise to send delegations of support down to the occupation and/or get speakers from the Irish press to come to your workplace. Collections should also be taken up to help sustain the Irish Press workers in their fight.

We also need political organisation. Labour and Democratic Left have failed to defend workers and actively organise resistance to the bosses attacks. Socialist Worker is building a party that will. Join us.

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